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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Associate Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

THROUGH : Chief, Geography Division, OGCR

FROM : Chief, Middle East/Africa/Western Hemisphere Branch,
GD/OGCR

SUBJECT : Visit of Professor Harm J. deBlij

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2. A second session, held that afternoon in the OGCR Conference Room, Ames Building, covered a wide range of geographic topics. About 15 OGCR personnel attended.

3. Professor deBlij's talks were enthusiastically received, and we are hoping to arrange future contacts with Dr. deBlij.

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STATINTL MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. C. Thomas Thorne, Jr., State/INR
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Mr. Kenedon Steins, Treasury

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2. Dr. deBlij, a well known American political geographer, has written extensively on Africa, South Africa and political geography. Among his dozen books are African Survey, Africa South and Systematic Political Geography.

3. Born in the Netherlands and raised in South Africa, Professor deBlij received his B.S. degree from the University of Witwatersrand and his Ph.D. from Northwestern University. After several years on the Michigan State University faculty, in 1968 he became Chairman of the Department of Geography at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. For several years an Associate Dean in the College of Social Science, he has returned to full time duties as Professor of Geography.

STATINTL 4. He has spent three of the last seven months in Africa, and should be able to offer fresh insights.

5. Please call [REDACTED] (351-7225) with the names of attendees to this meeting no later than COB Wednesday, 8 August.

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